

Interagency Council on Homelessness

MINUTES

DATE: 5/18/2017

TIME: 9:30a – 11:30a CST

FACILITATOR(S)	Mike Dunthorn and Abigail Dowell
MEMBER ATTENDEES	Sherry Smith – THDA, Brian Stephens – DCS, Don Watt – THDA, Jenna Robl – TDMHSAS, Bob Currie – TDMHSAS, Matt Yancey – TDMHSAS, Abigail Dowell – TDMHSAS, Mike Dunthorn – City of Knoxville, Anne Cooper – ARCH, Todd Skelton – Governor’s Office, Debbie Hillin – Buffalo Valley, Scott Foster – Homeless Alliance, Stephen Carter – ARCH, Dan Heim – VA, Tammy Lynn – Region 2, Paul Hines – DLWD, Stephanie Jarnigan – DHS, Whitney Page – DHS, Marisa Whitsett – Alliance Healthcare Services, Liz Fletcher – Alliance Healthcare Services, Terri Burdette – HART CoC, Al Keim – Centerstone Research Institute, Julie Ritter – BlueCare, Eric Hoglund – HUD, Justin Singleton – DoE, Wayne Snelling – West TN CoC
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES	

Agenda topics

1. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY MINUTES

APPROVED/DENIED	Unanimous approval
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2. FACILITATED WORKDAY UPDATE

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A facilitated work day was held Wednesday, May 17th. Included representation from 8 of 10 CoCs, the Council State Agencies, and HUD Primarily focused on housing needs in the state and developing a request of the Council to bring to state leadership. The end result was the desire to bring proven housing strategies to scale. It was determined that a half day follow up workday was necessary to solidify the resources necessary and the proposal for the Council to review at the August 1st meeting.
FOLLOW-UP ITEMS	Abigail will be following up with those present at the May 17th workday to set another work day in June.

3. PLAN EDITS AND PRIORITY ACTION STEPS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handouts of plan edits were given to everyone present and sent via email attachments to those on the phone. The initial conversation centered on the Priority Action Steps outlined on page 14 of the Plan. The plan currently contains 11 priority action steps which were determined by the Council It was suggested to add Action Step 1.1 to the Priority Action Step list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern was voiced that it would not be possible for all CoCs/communities to obtain USICH certification. Specifically due to the ‘by name’ list criteria. CoCs discussed the pros and cons of the certification process and the criteria. State representatives suggested that the USICH criteria was chosen to create a uniform process to measure the state’s progress toward ending homelessness. Concern was also expressed that USICH may be defunded and unable to provide certification in the future. Will the state need to establish a new set of criteria and benchmarks? Due to these concerns it was determined not to add 1.1 to the priority list. It was determined that the priorities identified during the facilitated work day needed to be part of the Priority Action Step list.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After review of the priority action steps, it is determined that the work day priorities fit within current action steps on the list. • The edits made to the plan and presented to the Council were voted upon and approved.
FOLLOW-UP ITEMS	n/a

4. WORKGROUP FOLLOW-UP

DISCUSSION	<p>Action Step 5.5 – Justin Singleton shared about upcoming meetings with the homeless liaisons in the schools and his desire for CoCs to attend and connect with the liaisons.</p> <p>Action Step 6.5 – the issue of transportation was discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Watt shared about the Tennessee Association of Community Action (TACA), this is the state organization of community action agencies. CAAs provide assistance programs/services to households in poverty. • Don will connect Abigail to TACA to look into partnership possibilities and resources for transportation.
FOLLOW-UP ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don to connect Abigail to TACA